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Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a speedy victory in this world conflict, to be followed by a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.

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The mind of the Spirit guides me in all my ways.

"All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine."

I am resurrected with Christ into the new life of the Father.

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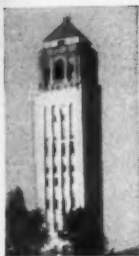
My mind is spiritually quickened and I understand the Truth.

The increasing, multiplying power of Spirit moves all my affairs to success.

I am cleansed by the blood of Christ, and I rest in the consciousness of perfect health.

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Stately and tall, the Unity Campanile or Prayer Tower directs the traveler to Unity Farm near Kansas City. Even so this little magazine daily directs your steps to the sun-tipped heights in whose glory you behold yourself as a son of God; for such you are.

GOD'S LOVE

Bernice Minter

God's love infolds me, makes clear my way.
God's love upholds me throughout the day.

God's love protects me; I shall not fear.
Moment by moment His love is near.

God's love directs me, helps me succeed,
Gives me rich substance for every need.

God's love restores me, heals every ill,
Blesses my life with peace and good will.

NOTE: By changing the word "me" to "you" in the above lines, these words of Truth can be affirmed for your loved one in service or for anyone in need of blessing.

Incognito

ERNEST C. WILSON

THE CRY of the Psalmist "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" is gloriously answered by John: "Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be."

To human sense we are sons of earth, products of evolution, inheritors of the sins of our ancestors "unto the third and fourth *generation*." But the Spirit of God hath made us, and the breath of the Almighty giveth us life. Transiently we are sons of earth, eternally sons of God and heaven. We are like the royal prince of the ancient folk tale, divested of royal raiment, cast out from his royal abode, himself confused as to his true status; yet despite appearances having within himself the instincts and impulses of his true lineage.

Humanly we are subject to many weaknesses and hazards, but at the same time we have within us the power to overcome these and to supplant them with strength and power. God "formed" man of the dust of the earth, but He "created" man in His own image. "The first man [the 'formed' man] is of the earth, earthy: the second man [the 'created' man] is of heaven," said Paul.

The first man is not first in point of ultimate

Truth but of his own perception of himself. Incarnate on the earthly plane of expression, he appears to be "of the earth, earthy," because he is not yet awakened to spiritual awareness of his true spiritual nature. The prime purpose of his life on this plane is that he shall become consciously aware of that which he is eternally: that by claiming and exercising his divine birthright he shall attain to a consciousness of his dominion over the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and over the elements of his own inner nature symbolized by these outward things. Coming into this world apparently as the servant of all, he must learn by employing his innately God-given powers to become the wise, loving, unselfish master of all.

He might thus be likened to an heir to a great enterprise who, not content simply to assume leadership without proving his right (by reason of ability as well as inheritance), enters upon his career in a lowly station, his true identity unknown, to prove to himself and others his unquestionable right to leadership. He wants to become consciously and knowingly what he is eternally and irrevocably.

In all man's earthly experiences, happy or otherwise, this is his true and steadfast goal. For a time he may be unmindful or even unconscious of the goal; but as he comes into a realization of it, his

conscious co-operation with his divinely-inspired purpose enables him to "judge not according to appearance," but to "judge righteous judgment." He learns to go his God-appointed way, to discern between the true and the seeming, to find and exercise his dominion, to call forth the Christ nature within himself, rejoicing with God in His manifest works.

The next lesson by Dr. Wilson is "Prayer," appearing in May *Daily Word*.

God Knows the Way

E. GUY TALBOTT

God knows the way that He would have me take,
And He has promised never to forsake
The one who follows where He leads. His will
For me is my best good. I would fulfill
Whatever mission He has planned for me.
And trusting Him, I know that I shall be
Directed to my predetermined goal.
I have no fear, for God lives in my soul.
And He will give me everything I ask
To do His bidding and perform the task
He has assigned to me. With confidence
I go to do His will, and recompense,
I know, will be according to my worth;
For in His hand is all the wealth of earth.

A Man's Gift

MARTHA SMOCK

“**A** MAN'S GIFT maketh room for him.” Men in uniform are not uniform men. Each one in his own way is gifted, and each one's gift is needed to complete the whole—which is the great gift to the cause of freedom and justice and peace.

Most persons do not think of themselves as being especially gifted, and probably no one would be less prone to think of himself as gifted than the individual soldier, who dresses like millions of others, eats like millions of others, marches in formation, lives under strict discipline. Yet even in army life “a man's gift maketh room for him.” The person who realizes that “each man hath his own gift from God,” emerges as an individual among his group, and those around him soon discover what it is that he has to offer. He may be a cook, but if he can write he writes, and the world is enriched by his book. He may be in the infantry, but if he can sing he soon finds himself using his talent for the pleasure of both himself and others. He may be in the veterinary detachment, but if he can write songs and stage productions, he finds that a whole new field for such ideas is open to him. These are but three illustrations, taken from

actual stories of men in uniform, that prove the point.

Of course not all soldiers write or sing or appear to have any outstanding talent. But there are thousands of men who have "made room" for themselves in their particular outfits by determining to "take it," by being cheerful, friendly, and co-operative, by adjusting themselves to the surroundings, the personalities, the duties, the life, rather than by expecting these things to change to fit personal moods, habits, desires, or expectations. Such an attitude not only makes the way easier and more successful; it has a definite influence for good upon others who are trying to make the transition from being the center of a little world of family and friends to being one among many in a strange and new world of uniforms and barracks. Assuredly the ability to keep peace, to promote friendliness and amity and good will, to encourage and help others, is as great a talent as any.

There are thousands of men who have discovered their worth, their gifts, by being alert to every opportunity to learn new things, and by realizing that there is good to be gained from every experience in life. Many men will come out of military service with new vocations. Many will return to civilian life with new dispositions. Many heretofore impatient, restless souls, will

emerge with a new-found trust in God and man.

The important thing to remember is that we grow through experience. If the time spent in uniform offered no more than the challenge of new and different experiences, the time taken from civilian life would be well worth while.

If you are in uniform, or if you are concerned about someone in uniform, think about this idea of every man's being endowed with his own gift, a special gift, a gift that makes him important in the situation where he is, in the job he is doing, to the people with whom he associates, to the cause that he serves. Know that the soul is not in uniform, that it does not march in formation, but that it unfolds and progresses in wartime or in peacetime.

Men in uniform are not uniform men. They are great souls, every one of them, whose gifts make room for them. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee . . . Be diligent in these things . . . that thy progress may be manifest unto all."

A Blessing for Those in Service

The light of God surrounds you; the love of God infolds you; the power of God protects you; the presence of God watches over you and keeps you safe and secure.

Saturday

APRIL 1

MY CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOOD CLEARS ALL OBSTACLES FROM MY PATH, AND I WALK IN A PATH OF PEACE AND SUCCESS.

REALIZE the truth that no obstacles can remain in the way of the person who is poised in Spirit. Nothing can prevail against him who abides in spiritual consciousness. There can be no barriers to the progress of him who advances in the consciousness that God, the Spirit of good, attends him.

Do you think that something or some person stands in the way of your advancement? Only your belief in such a retarding influence can possibly retard your going forward. Cease to think of persons or things as standing in your way. Face the truth that your limiting thought has limited you but that it cannot do so henceforth.

Your consciousness of Spirit goes before you and clears all obstacles from your path. All that you have thought of as having power to impede your progress will be brushed aside. All that has seemed to delay your advancement will but cause you to go forward with surer steps and with more certainty of success.

✿ *He shall prepare the way before me.*—MAL. 3:1.

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APRIL 2

Sunday

FREED FROM ALL BELIEF IN FLESH HEREDITY,
I MANIFEST MY DIVINE SONSHIP.

IF MAN holds to the belief that he inherits weakness and disease from his parents he cannot express the strength and health of his heavenly Father. He must look to God for his heritage. He must claim the mental and physical perfection that he inherits from God.

Those who believe they are under some adverse law of flesh heredity are governed by such a law, even though it is one of their own making. How little man realizes that when he makes a law he becomes subject to it!

One can be free from the effects of flesh heredity only by casting from mind all belief in it. If such belief were not cast out, the process of treating the body to remove taints of heredity would go on and on without success. Treatment must be given to the mind, for it is the causative side.

We must first perceive that we are born not of flesh but of Spirit. Then we become free from the belief in fleshly heredity, free to lay hold of our divine sonship.

* *As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*—I COR. 15:49.

Monday

APRIL 3

ALL CONFUSION AND DISORDER IN MY LIFE NOW DISAPPEARS, BECAUSE THE SPIRIT OF ORDER PUTS MY MIND AND MY AFFAIRS IN DIVINE ORDER.

WE NATURALLY think of disorder as coming through disorderly thinking. Usually the individual wanting to put his affairs in order recognizes the necessity of thinking clearly. He instinctively feels that he must put his thoughts in order. If he is a student of practical Christianity, he takes the Christ mind as his pattern of orderliness.

We think of heaven as ruled by divine order and of all things heavenly as operating together in a most orderly manner. With this in mind we seek to have our mind, life, and affairs express heavenly order. We find that as we meditate upon heavenly truths our mind becomes identified with the order of Divine Mind.

Quietness helps us to think in orderly fashion. The practice of the silence helps a person to get his thoughts in order. He should make the lesson of order practical by expressing it in his life.

• *Temperate, sober-minded, orderly . . . gentle, not contentious.*—I TIM. 3:2, 3.

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APRIL 4

Tuesday

I AM POISED AND RESOLUTE. I CANNOT BE DISHEARTENED, BECAUSE CHRIST IN ME STRENGTHENS MY HEART.

DO YOU ever have the thought of discouragement to handle? Do you become easily disheartened when you should be brave and strong, ready to take a fresh hold, ready to finish what you have started? Then you must realize the truth that nothing in all the world can dishearten you when you know that Christ is your courage.

Are you disheartened because of your relations with other persons? Then free yourself from personal consciousness, from the belief that others can make you unhappy, or overpower you, or weaken your efforts. Cease to look to the personal and behold the Christ. Realize that no one has power to discourage you. No one can dishearten you when you know the truth of your inner being and your relation to Christ within you.

Think often of Christ within you as your strength. Take new courage. Teach yourself to take a fresh hold on life and on all your endeavors.

✱ *He thanked God, and took courage.—ACTS 28:15.*

Wednesday

APRIL 5

THE FREE-FLOWING LIFE OF SPIRIT WITHIN ME RELIEVES ALL CONGESTION AND STAGNATION, AND I AM THOROUGHLY ALIVE.

VERY OFTEN physical inharmony comes from a congestion of the vital forces in the body. A congestion in one place may mean a lack of sufficient life and energy in another place.

Stagnation indicates a lack of free-flowing life. Impurities are allowed to collect, and without the cleansing of Spirit they produce an area of impurity and possibly disease. Stagnation results from a lack of consciousness of omnipresent life.

If you need a feeling of freshness in your body realize the truth that life is circulating through you at all times. Know that the cleansing, purifying, freeing, vitalizing power of Spirit is your life, the very life of your physical organism. Know that this life is a stream of health and strength.

Your body forces will be equalized and balanced when you realize that the equalizing, adjusting power of Spirit keeps your body in perfect condition and all its parts functioning perfectly.

✿ *For as the Father hath life in himself, even so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself.*—JOHN 5:26.

APRIL 6

Thursday

I WAS NOT CREATED SAD OR DEPRESSED. GOD
MADE ME IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF
HIS ETERNAL JOY.

SOME Christians think it is part of their Christian duty to refrain from joy. Their idea of holiness seems to be a state in which pleasure has no part. They seem to be unable to distinguish between joy and worldliness.

The long-faced person does not make a success of life. He does not symbolize health, joy, and success to us. We are more inclined to think of him as one who has not found God, one who has not discovered Christ within.

If a person is joyful and is always seeking joy he finds it on every hand. The joyful person discovers joy wherever he is. He is often spoken of as being a joy producer. He brings joy into evidence.

Joy gives sparkle to the mind. The joyful person is always alive and alert. He is always able to see the fun in any humorous situation. We think of him as a person worth knowing. He seems to spread his contagion of joy and to make us joyful, too.

☛ *Jehovah had made them joyful.*—EZRA 6:22.

WITH FAITH FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN CHRIST,
I FACE ALL LIFE'S EXPERIENCES COURAGEOUS
LY AND TRIUMPHANTLY.

EXPERIENCES come not as crosses that must be borne with resignation but as ringing challenges to come up higher, to reach beyond all previous accomplishments and bring into expression some inner power hitherto unused. They are blessings in disguise if one has the vision to see in them opportunities to develop greater spiritual power, to unfold from within whatever one needs to express in greater degree.

Muscles are not strengthened by avoiding activity but by exercising and using them. Likewise power is acquired to meet all life's issues victoriously by facing each new experience with courage and confidence in the Christ within. Through Christ we can do whatever is required of us.

The situation that confronts you today is your divine opportunity. Do not let it escape you by giving up in discouragement and defeat. Accept it, rejoice in it, and conquer it in the name of the Lord.

✿ *Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things.*—MATT. 25:21 (A. V.).

THE FORGIVING POWER OF CHRIST IN ME NOW PROMPTS ME TO FORGIVE EVERYONE WHO HAS SEEMED TO DO ME AN INJUSTICE.

THE FORGIVING power of Christ now inspires and quickens me to yield every belief that anyone has injured me in thought, word, or deed. I give up every belief that anyone intentionally or unintentionally has harmed me. I refuse to entertain any thought that another is responsible for any adverse situation in my life.

Christ is ever within me as the very presence of the Spirit of forgiveness. With this presence within me, I can no longer refuse to forgive. I cannot resist the prompting to forgive and to forget every seeming injury or injustice.

The forgiving Christ now does His perfect work, and I too have forgiven. I restore all persons to that place in my love and affections which they previously occupied.

Through the forgiving love of Christ in me I can readily and thoroughly forgive. Nothing can escape His forgiveness. His forgiveness wipes from my mind all memory of injury.

☛ *Whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*—MATT. 16:19.

I DO NOT THINK OF MY BODY AS DISEASED OR MORTAL. RISING TO SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS, I RAISE MY BODY TO SPIRITUAL PERFECTION.

I CEASE to believe that my body is mortal, and so it ceases to express mortal thought. I remove from my body all race belief in body disintegration. I do not let the race thought out-picture itself in my body as weakness, disease, or imperfection.

In spiritual consciousness I behold my body as it is in Spirit—God's holy temple. I see my body free from all effects of mortal belief and free to express its spiritual character.

The Spirit of God now inhabits my body temple and I am lifted from mortality to immortality. The belief in mortality has given way to the truth that in Christ I am eternally alive. My body expresses the character of Spirit within it. My spiritual body now appears as the living temple of God, expressing God's presence of life, health, and perfection.

* *He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*—ROM. 8:11.

APRIL 10

Monday

GOD IS THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE, AND I RADIATE LIGHT TO THE WORLD.

NOTHING can exist without light. All living, growing things must have light in order to live and grow. In the process of creation the light came before the appearance of any form of life.

God has always been, is now, and will continue to be the light of His people. Even now God's eternal light is glowing steadily, surely, brightly in the world to do away with war and death and suffering. The light penetrates every darkened corner of the world. It bids God's children everywhere to rise out of grief, worry, discouragement, and fear. All nations are being drawn closer together in the light of God, and out of all the inharmony the world is experiencing we shall yet see good.

The light of God shines now upon your path, making it clear, bright, and certain. Through you the light shines gloriously and courageously to guide, bless, comfort, and inspire others. "Let your light shine before men . . . and glorify your Father."

☛ *The Lord God shall give them light.*—REV. 22:5.

Tuesday

APRIL 11

I DISMISS FROM MIND ALL FEAR AND ABIDE
IN THE FAITH THAT GOD IS EVER WITH ME.

IT IS NOT possible for faith and fear to inhabit our mind at the same time. Either one or the other rules us, and we act accordingly. If we have faith in God and His ability to take care of us or those we love, we can dismiss all the common and uncommon fears that haunt us and make our life dark and unhappy.

The awareness of God as the only presence and power in our life and in the world makes us strong and unafraid. When the light of this truth fills our consciousness all the things that we have feared vanish completely. No shadow can remain when the light of Truth is turned upon it.

Those of us who know Truth have a definite responsibility in getting rid of fear in ourselves and in the world. We cannot be inwardly fearful lest ill-health, poverty, death, or some other disaster overtake us or someone we love and at the same time have faith in God and His promises. Faith in God makes us confident, cheerful, radiant, successful.

✿ *God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.—II TIM. 1:7.*

APRIL 12

Wednesday

I DAILY UNIFY MYSELF WITH THE PEACE OF
GOD.

PEACE has both its inward and its outward sides. Many people imagine that the outward side of peace is all that there is to it; yet without the inward side, the cause side, there can be no outer peace. Peace in the outer is like a mighty tree, which is nothing without its roots, even though they are unseen.

Peace in the outer is the fruit of the peace that is first formed inwardly on the basis of what we think and feel about others. Unless we are at peace with others first in our heart and mind, no outer manipulation can ever bring peace.

The ideal outer peace will result only as we gain divine peace, the peace of God. There can be no real peace so long as a man seeks to benefit himself at the expense of others. We truly have the peace of God when our heart is filled with tolerance and charitableness, when we are willing to forgive and forget the mistakes of the past. The peace of God is ours when we deal with others as we would have them deal with us.

* *The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds.*—PHIL. 4:7 (A. V.).

The Hand of God Is U



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It Touched the Earth

MARY MAE OESCH

The hand of God has touched the earth
With miracles of spring,
Transforming each gray, barren clod
Into a verdant thing.
The hand of God has blessed the earth.
Enraptured bluebirds sing
Where orchards bloom and zephyrs rhyme
The joyous notes of spring.

The hand of God has touched my heart
With thoughts transcendent, bright;
My waking spirit soars to heights
Of new-found life and light.
The hand of God has blessed my heart
With love's redeeming power;
My glad soul joins the harmony
Of wind and tree and flower.

The hand of God has touched the world
To heal its mortal strife,
To still the raucous battle cry,
And show His way of life.
When God is first in every heart,
The chimes of peace e'er ring,
And free men dwell together
In the glad eternal spring.



Thursday

APRIL 13

THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS QUICKENED IN MY HEART, AND I AM LOVING TOWARD EVERY-ONE.

THE LOVE of Christ in my heart transcends every unloving thought and makes me kind and loving under all circumstances. I cannot entertain unloving thoughts or act unlovingly toward others when I realize that Christ is love and that His Spirit abides in all. When I truly love Christ, I think and speak lovingly and peacefully.

Knowing that Christ is love within me, I express a loving attitude regardless of external difficulties. By letting His love have dominion, I am unified with Him, and I bring His love to bear upon any situation and condition. When I let go of thoughts of hate and revenge, Christ shines forth through me, and all unloving tendencies are lifted up and removed.

Christ as love abides in me. His love makes me a free channel for the movement of His Spirit through me, and I am filled with new peace and harmony. His loving Spirit has dominion over every thought, word, and deed, and I share His love with my fellow men.

✿ *Abound in love one toward another.*—I THESS. 3:12.

APRIL 14

Friday

I GIVE UP EVERY BELIEF IN LACK IN ORDER TO
REALIZE THE TRUTH OF MY ABUNDANCE IN
SPIRIT.

TO GET the consciousness of prosperity we must first clear from our mind every belief in lack. We must be free from subconscious beliefs that there is virtue in poverty or that poverty is God's will for us. Our whole thought must be given to contemplating the abundance of Spirit and to knowing that we are one with it.

If you would be prosperous, you must think in terms of prosperity. You must think prosperously even when there may be signs of lack about you or when others may be believing that God's supply is limited. You must see that you keep your thought correct at all times.

Go forth this day in the realization that you do not have to lack, that you will not fail. Go forth in the realization that the bounty of Spirit is yours as a child of God. Begin to live in the thought of prosperity and you will soon discover that you are attracting it to you. Your prosperity consciousness will help Spirit to make you prosperous.

✿ *Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou rulest over all.*—I CHRON. 29:12.

I GIVE UP ALL THOUGHTS OF TENSION, AND
RELAX MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY IN THE
PEACEFUL PRESENCE OF GOD.

THE INDIVIDUAL who is tense in mind and in body very plainly shows that he is personally trying to direct his affairs, that he is working without God. He shows that subconsciously he believes to some extent that God is not powerful enough to cope with the situation.

You can easily analyze your tension as coming from a certain fear in disaster and a belief that Christ in you is not mighty to handle the situation. You seem to yourself to be alone, fighting an impending danger. Relief from tension comes from reversing the thought process, rising out of personal concern, and relying upon Spirit's help.

You need literally to emerge from an environment of seeming disaster into the peaceful presence of God. Remember that in God's presence there can be no presence of evil, nothing to make you tense, nothing to destroy your peace of mind. Abiding in the presence of the Most High, you witness a transformation in all your affairs.

✿ *Abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*—PSALMS 91:1.

APRIL 16

Sunday

THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS WITHIN AND ABOUT ME, AND I ABIDE IN HEAVEN HERE AND NOW.

HEAVEN is our consciousness of God's presence and of our oneness with it. We can see that heaven can be found at any time and at any place. The only essential is the right consciousness. We could be placed in the very midst of heaven and not know it if our thought were not spiritualized enough to behold it.

The kingdom of God is that ideal realm in which is found every blessing that we can visualize. Nothing is missing in this heavenly state. It is but an expression of our heavenly consciousness. Inasmuch as there is no limit to what we can accomplish by realizing Truth, we find that we can abide in heaven here and now.

If you would abide in heaven, entertain heavenly thoughts. To the extent that you do this, to that extent will you catch a clearer and clearer view of heaven. You will find that heaven is not something apart from you, not something existing in some other place or in the future. Heaven is in your midst.

♣ *The kingdom of God is . . . righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.—ROM. 14:17.*

I AM CHARGED WITH SPIRITUAL POWER, AND
MY LIFE IS GLORIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL.

AS A SMALL wire charged with an electric current can do infinitely more than a great cable without it, so a single life that is charged with spiritual power can do more than many lives without it. The life of Paul is a splendid example of a spiritually inspired and successful life. The moment he became aware of his indwelling Christ power he became a new creature.

Recognizing that he was in Christ and Christ was in him, he said, "It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." Then he went about teaching men and convincing them that the secret of an efficient and successful life is spiritual power.

Charged with His power, we too "can do all things in him that strengtheneth" us. Spiritual power gives us renewed strength, increased faith, divine courage, and the sure confidence that Christ lives in us, that He works through us to do all things in a perfect way.

● *I am full of power by the Spirit of Jehovah.*—MIC. 3:8.

I SEE THE CHRIST IN ALL MEN.

WE CAN well imagine that a man looking into the eyes of Jesus Christ could see reflected there the image of the person he himself was meant to be. When Jesus beheld Zacchaeus, the tax collector, that wizened little man was awakened to his own divine nature, and his malicious greed was translated into love and kindliness.

As ambassadors of the Christ we may see men in the beauty of their divine potentialities. When we see them with eyes of love we understand their aspirations, their good intentions, their need for guidance. When we look for the Christ in men we see their possibilities of accomplishment. We see them as perfect beings in Christ Jesus, superb in their strength, compassionate in their love, confident in the awareness of divine supply for all.

The Christ in men will respond to our faith in them, as Zacchaeus responded to Jesus' call. Thus by our inspired vision the world will be a step closer to heaven on earth.

✱ *Jesus . . . said unto him, Zacchæus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house.—LUKE 19:5.*

Wednesday

APRIL 19

I AM SINCERELY GRATEFUL TO THEE, O FATHER, FOR ALL MY MANY BLESSINGS.

WHEN A friend or a stranger grants us a favor or treats us kindly, we are grateful enough to say thank-you. Should we then be less grateful to our heavenly Father, who is always bestowing some blessing upon us?

The spirit of gratitude pays big dividends. It makes us reverent and thankful, ever mindful of our blessings. It inspires us to look, speak, and act cheerfully. It makes us kind and unselfish, ever ready to comfort and aid all who may need our help. More than this, it increases our own good because it increases our capacity to receive.

Our Father, we are sincerely grateful to Thee for all Thy wonderful gifts to us. We pause now to thank Thee especially for all the valiant souls who have helped and are helping to make our world the good place it is, who have in any way contributed to the blessings we enjoy. May we always be worthy of the good we are receiving, and may we never forget to thank and praise Thee!

✿ *O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good.*—PSALMS 136:1.

APRIL 20

Thursday

MY MIND IS SPIRITUALLY QUICKENED, AND
I UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH.—UNITY CLASS
THOUGHT.

IN ORDER to know the truth about any situation, we must remember first of all not to permit the facts that appear to be involved in it to influence our attitude toward it. Rarely do the facts and the truth coincide; far more often than not the truth is actually the converse of what the facts indicate.

For example, it may appear to us as a fact that we are sick, poor, or unhappy, but this is not the truth. The truth is that we are children of God, the perfect Father, and we therefore are perfect as He is perfect. Jesus stated this truth in the command "Be ye therefore perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

In order to discern the truth, and to gain spiritual understanding, we need to let our mind be quickened by the Spirit of wisdom and light. We invoke this Spirit by shutting from our mind all negative appearances, and concentrating our thought upon what is positive and good.

✿ *The Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding.*—ISA. 11:2.

THE INCREASING, MULTIPLYING POWER OF SPIRIT MOVES ALL MY AFFAIRS TO SUCCESS.

—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

ALL OF US desire a greater degree of prosperity. God intends that we shall be prosperous, for He is the Lord of infinite abundance. If we are at the moment apparently lacking in manifest supply, we need to gain a greater understanding of the increasing, multiplying power of Spirit.

Jesus Christ knew and used the increasing, multiplying power of Spirit when He took five loaves and two fishes to feed five thousand people. Instead of saying, "How can this little feed so many?" He looked "up to heaven," and lo, there was enough for all and to spare. We too can look up to heaven by seeing what we have in the light of Truth, not as insufficiency and lack but as the nucleus of infinite abundance.

Each one of us has some "nucleus" that we can call upon Spirit to bless and activate. It may be a small sum of money; it may be only an idea that we can act upon; but through our faith Spirit will increase and multiply it amazingly.

✿ *He shall have abundance.*—MATT. 25:29.

APRIL 22

Saturday

I AM CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST,
AND I REST IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF PER-
FECT HEALTH.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

OUR THOUGHT for today is the healing prayer for the current month. It is a powerful affirmation that stirs up the healing energies of Spirit so that perfect health becomes manifest in us.

We are taught in the Scriptures that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. In Scriptural symbology the "blood of the Lamb" or Christ represents the pure life of Spirit, the "river of water of life" mentioned in the 22d chapter of Revelation. When we believe in the Christ as our Saviour and acknowledge the cleansing power of His blood (life), we open the way for this mighty healing power to flow into and through us, and we are made whole, spirit, soul, mind and body.

When we are truly cleansed by the blood of Christ, we find that it does not do merely a half-way job of healing our soul and leaving our body afflicted, but perfect health is established and becomes manifest in our whole being.

✿ *The blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*
—I JOHN 1:7.

IN FAITH I TURN TO GOD IN PRAYER, KNOWING THAT EVEN BEFORE I ASK HE HAS HEARD AND ANSWERED ME.

WHEN we have faith and confidence that God answers prayer we are assured that He will satisfy our desires to the extent of giving us even more than we hoped to receive. If in some way we have failed to receive the right answer to our prayer it is because somewhere in our own mind we have failed to keep our faith in the goodness of God.

A person may have varying success with prayer. Sometimes he may express a desire to obtain a certain sum of money or something that he is not able to back up with an understanding faith. When it fails to become manifest he may then feel that God has in some way failed to answer.

Honest prayer is based upon the rock of understanding faith, which knows that God wills all good things. When we realize this truth we shall pray with wisdom and understanding, desiring only the fulfillment of whatever is for our highest good.

✿ *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*—MATT. 21:22.

APRIL 24

Monday

THE WISDOM OF GOD LIGHTS MY WAY AND
DIRECTS MY EVERY STEP.

IN THE case of any problem that arises, any situation that seems perplexing, a dozen different solutions may seem to be available. We are required to choose one solution out of the many, and the decision may seem difficult to make. Each solution may seem to have certain advantages as well as disadvantages. What can we do?

First, we should recognize God's solution. The divine logic within us will tell us plainly that while we may see many different solutions, one of them must be the best, must be God's solution, leading to ideal results. It is really this solution that we desire and that will be revealed to us when we look to God.

Just to recognize that God knows the solution and is prepared to reveal it to us will quiet our thought and make it more receptive. Even when we do not see each step ahead, we can be sure that His wisdom is lighting our way, and we can trust God to lead us step by step.

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And light unto my path.*

—PSALMS 119:105.

I AM PERFECT, AS MY FATHER WITHIN ME
IS PERFECT.

SPIRITUALLY we are all created perfect, but it is through our understanding of spiritual, mental, and physical laws and our diligent application of them that we bring forth greater physical and mental well-being.

Spiritual, mental, and physical laws can be so well obeyed in our being that our life will be harmonious and joyous day after day. Man is a threefold being, and he must give attention to all three phases of it. For him to live mentally in a state of disorder and confusion, refusing to control his thought, results in various physical in-harmonies.

In order to overcome mental disorder and confusion it is necessary to rise in thought into the spiritual realm (the Christ within) and diligently to affirm spiritual perfection. "Thy divine intelligence governs all my living habits, and I love to live right, mentally and physically." To say these words often will bring mind and body under divine control. It is not difficult to dissolve any bad habit if one is willing to pray diligently.

• *Ye therefore shall be perfect.*—MATT. 5:48.

APRIL 26

Wednesday

IN THE LONG NIGHT I WILL TRUST GOD FOR
THE DAWN.

IN THESE days when many of our loved ones are in service, when circumstances have changed our usual way of life, the nights sometimes seem very long, sometimes devoid of stars.

God does not need stars to find His way to us, and His love and comradeship outlasts the longest night. For has He ever failed to bring the dawn.

In the mind of God is the total pattern. In His heart is compassion and deep understanding. It is to God we must turn in this, our long night; for it is His word that will bring to us the loveliness of dawn.

I will use these longer night hours for a finer communion with God, so that for the good of all I may take unto myself more of His understanding, His mercy, His counsel, and His love. Great is the power He would give me; all-encompassing is His goodness. It is to You I turn, O Lord, for a dawning that shall be blessed with Your peace.

*Our help is in the name of Jehovah.
Who made heaven and earth.*

—PSALMS 124:8.

DOMESTIC HARMONY AND PEACE ARE MINE
AS I PRAY RIGHTLY.

ALL irritations, quarrels, and resentments in family life can be overcome and avoided when one learns to commune with Spirit and to radiate faithfully the intelligence and love of God to all around him. Spiritually it is not a question of who is right or wrong in the family; it is a question of how willing one is to surrender his mind to God and to ask that the right action of Spirit take place in all concerned. In the midst of any inharmonious situation this immediate turning to God within permits the mighty power of Spirit to adjust all differences and to deliver one from false conditions.

The next time inharmony seems to be arising around you, start saying mentally to yourself: "The only presence here is the loving, harmonious, forgiving presence of God, and it is working through all." Keep repeating the words to yourself until you see a harmonious change taking place or until deliverance comes in some way. God's love overcomes all difficulties, and when invoked, its action never fails to take place.

✿ *Love one another.*—JOHN 15:12.

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Friday

THE SAVING AND PROTECTING POWER OF
GOD DELIVERS ME FROM EVERY ADVERSE
SITUATION, AND I AM SECURE IN HIM.

THE PRESENCE of God within and about me is my protection. He ever saves and delivers me. I may be near to danger, but God is with me to protect and to deliver me. He is ever at hand to save me. My Saviour is ever at hand, delivering me from adversity and causing me to know that I am secure in Him. He ever delivers me from the claims of evil, sin, fear, disease, failure, and death. He delivers me from every kind of adversity and causes me to feel that I am secure in Him.

Abiding in the consciousness of protection, I am ever protected. I cannot feel that I am apart or separated from Him. I cannot believe that I can be without His presence of protection, for He is ever with me. I rejoice to know that He is ever within and about me causing me to realize that He is right at hand at all times.

I abide this day in the realization that the Spirit of God protects me. I live in the consciousness of protection. My Saviour saves me.

♣ *He is able to save to the uttermost.*—HEB. 7:25.

WITH PERFECT POISE I MEET EVERY SITUATION IN MY LIFE, FOR THE SPIRIT OF GOD WITHIN ME IS MASTER OF ALL CIRCUMSTANCE.

GOD DOES not send us, His children, into this world without first fully equipping us to meet the world. When circumstances seem to be hemming us in, it does not mean that we are inferior in any way but that our spiritual equipment is lying latent and unused within us.

If in the face of our problems we become frightened, worried, or disturbed, our equipment is rendered still less active, while quietness and poise allow it to come to the surface and into use. It is difficult to ascertain the depth of the pool whose surface waters are agitated and ruffled. It is likewise difficult to plumb the depths of our soul's capacities when the surface or conscious mind is in turmoil.

If today we choose composure of mind and heart in preference to distraction and uncertainty, our spiritual mastery will be demonstrated in peaceful, harmonious affairs.

♣ *Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul.*—PSALMS 131:2.

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APRIL 30

Sunday

I LOVE GOD WITH ALL MY HEART, MIND,
AND SOUL.

NOTHING is more obvious than the truth that we become like that which we love and center our attention upon. When we champion a cause that is noble or love a person who is worthy, our own life is enriched and blessed. Whatever we permit to affect our emotional nature has its influence upon our whole life.

How significant then becomes the commandment given us by Jesus Christ, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Such love as this toward God gives us the highest possible goal to aspire to: that of becoming like God through our love for Him.

As our love for God increases, we grow more like Him in nature. We become wiser and stronger, more tolerant, kindly, generous, and understanding, more certain of all the good things He has "prepared for them that love him." Loving God leads us to our own blessings and makes us a blessing to everyone else.

* *Grace be with all them that love our Lord.*—EPH. 6:24.

Faith Is the Substance of Your Supply

The centurion stood before Jesus stating his need. He had come to ask healing for his servant, who lay ill many miles away. The centurion however did not consider it necessary for Jesus to make the long journey to his home. He recognized in Jesus the divine authority that made His word an instant healing power.

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